

ROJESTVENSKY REPORTED ILL.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL SAID TO HAVE ASKED PERMISSION TO QUIT.

Admiral Denies Knowledge of Any Breakdown. Has Not Noticed Japan That Suits are Not Now in Indo-China Waters—Tokio Suspects Bribery.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—Admiral Rojestsvenky, who has been reported ill, denies any knowledge of the reported illness of Admiral Rojestsvenky. His last communication with him was held a week ago. He did not mention any illness then. The reported illness was said to be nervous breakdown. It was added that he had asked leave to quit.

The Ministry of Marine has received a telegram from Admiral Rojestsvenky, dated May 17, in which he declares that he is quite well and of no infraction of neutrality. The despatch is taken as evidence that the Russian fleet is going north.

SATON, May 17.—Admiral De Jonquieres, on board the cruiser Guichen, has returned from searching the coast for the Russian fleet. He cruised throughout Saturday and Sunday to the northernmost anchorage but did not see a single Russian vessel.

A reporter for a Hanoi newspaper, while at sea in a junk, encountered Rear Admiral Bogatoff's squadron. The junk was taken to the flagship. The Admiral sent him on board the Orel to be examined, with the result that he was acquitted of any suspicious intent or action.

He has arrived here and says that the officers welcomed him. They stated that they had not been in action since February. They expected an early fight. When they joined Admiral Rojestsvenky they would all go to Vladivostok.

The correspondent adds that the fleet consisted of sixty vessels, including the auxiliaries. The vessels looked old and dirty. The incident occurred near Port d'Avoy.

TOKIO, May 17.—The French Legation has informed the Government that Admiral De Jonquieres has been searched for the Russian fleet on May 13 and 14, and that the Russians have not been seen in Indo-China waters for several days.

The Government accepts France's assurance. It is commonly believed that Admiral Rojestsvenky bribed minor French officials distant from Saigon to disobey their Government's orders.

The Russian Admiral is credited with contemptuous indifference for France's or any other nation's neutrality. It is reported that he asserted his intention to act in accordance with his own judgment despite anybody's complaints.

LONDON, May 17.—A despatch to the Central News from Paris says that several officers left Saigon, French Indo-China, last Saturday with coal for Admiral Rojestsvenky's ships. Some of the Russian ships were without sufficient coal to carry them from Hongkong to the French Islands, and so were compelled to remain at Hongkong Bay. It is believed that others are at Shanghai Bay, thirty-five miles north of Cape Varella.

A French correspondent at St. Petersburg again announces the junction of the fleets of Admirals Rojestsvenky and Nebogatoff, saying that it was effected twenty-four hours ago.

LONDON, May 18.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that the next Baltic squadron will include only one vessel of any fighting value, the Slava, which is now on a trial trip. The remainder are what a high official of the Ministry of Marine describes as the sort that Great Britain is selling.

The squadron probably will not venture into the China Sea unless all of Admiral Togo's vessels are badly crippled. The departure of this remnant of Russian naval forces will leave the Baltic under the complete control of Germany. None of the ships which have gone East is expected to return, for even if the Russians obtain the mastery of the sea they will have to keep their whole available force there.

Russia, having decided the Polish frontier of troops now finds herself at the mercy of Germany on sea and land, thereby seriously compromising Russian influence in the near East. These considerations have been submitted to the Czar, who, nevertheless, has decided to continue the war even at the cost of Russian interests in the Balkans.

TO KIDNAP COREAN RULER.

Russia Intimates to Powers That Such Is Her Policy.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—Russia has called the attention of the Powers to Japan's invitation to the Emperor of Korea to visit the Mikado. It is intimated that the proposed trip is of the nature of a visit by command in every sense of the word, which the Korean sovereign must be loath to accept. He strongly believes that if once he leaves his country he will never be allowed to return.

300 DEATHS A DAY AT HARBIN.

Plague Said to Be Sweeping Through the Russian Headquarters.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
LONDON, May 18.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Tokyo says that there is reliable information that a severe epidemic of plague is raging at Harbin. The deaths average 300 daily.

The hospitals are filled with victims, and the medical staffs are inadequate to deal with the situation.

New Commander at Vladivostok.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—It is stated that Admiral Biriouff has been appointed to command at Vladivostok, vice Admiral Skrydloff, who will take over the command at Cronstadt.

Japanese Seize Two Steamers.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
TOKIO, May 17.—The Japanese have seized the British steamship Lincolndale and the French steamship Saigon near the Pescadore Islands.

Editor to Be French Consul Here.

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PARIS, May 17.—Alcide Ader, political editor of the Journal des Debats, has been appointed Consul at New York.

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GIVE THE BOYS MORE SLEEP.

Dr. Dyke Acland's Advice to the Parents Educational Union.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
LONDON, May 17.—At a convention of the Parents' National Education Union Dr. Dyke Acland to-day delivered an important address upon sleep. He said that the hours of sleep allowed the younger boys in the great schools of England were far too short. Eight hours was the minimum for adults, and from nine and a half to ten hours should be allowed to boys.

A careful study of the schoolboys in after life suggested that shortage in sleep at school was the true explanation of the disappearance, in after life of the most brilliant boys at school. Many eminent men had admitted that the habit of disregarding sleep at school had resulted in insomnia and even worse disturbances of the nervous system.

Dr. Acland advocated the abolition of chapel and study before breakfast.

WANT TO STOP BULLFIGHTING.

Meeting in Barcelona of Opponents of the National Sport.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
BARCELONA, May 17.—A meeting of the opponents of bullfighting was held at the Arts Theater to-day. One speaker said that the popular infatuation for the sport had much to do with Spain's loss of her colonies. The representative of the Government rebuked the speaker for this statement. A tumult followed, which was renewed outside after the meeting adjourned.

One of the speakers was a woman, who spoke against the sport on behalf of the women of Spain.

IRISH A LEGAL LANGUAGE?

Question Is Now Before the British High Court of Justice.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
DUBLIN, May 17.—The question whether Irish constitutes a legal language has been occupying the attention of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in the case of Neil McBride, who was fined on a charge of the Dunfangan petty sessions, County Donegal, and in default of payment sentenced to one week's imprisonment, for not having his name and residence printed in legible letters upon his cart.

McBride's name was written on the cart in Irish characters, in Irish form, thus: "Mall Maoglaigh Brighidh." It is contended by the appellant that the letters are legible to persons who know Irish, and that such persons constitute 70 per cent. of the population of the district. The court reserved its judgment.

LONDON, May 17.—The Postmaster-General has ordered that letters addressed in Irish characters are found in the post an English translation must be added. If a translator should be lacking at the office where such a letter is posted, it must be sent to Dublin, where the translation will be added. The letter will then be forwarded.

CRY FRAUD IN CUBAN ELECTIONS.

Fusionists Plan to Unseat Several Members of the House.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
HAVANA, May 17.—The Fusionist members of the House of Representatives met to-day with thirty-one members present, whom they counted as a quorum, owing to deaths and resignations having reduced their number. It was decided to appoint a committee to report on a reconsideration of the returns of the last elections, which means that an attempt will be made to unseat a number of members, who have been elected, but whose elections it is generally considered, were fraudulent. The unseating of these members would increase the Fusionist majority in the House.

The House also decided that Señor Corona, who was condemned to four years imprisonment for manslaughter, could not return to the House, of which he was a member when condemned. President Palma has pardoned him under pressure. It is charged of the Santiago Moderates.

SKELTON FOUND IN POMPEII.

Covered With Ashes and Bearing Gold, Emerald and Pearl Ornaments.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
ROME, May 17.—To-day a peasant found at Pompeii a girl's skeleton, laden with splendid antique gold, emerald and pearl bracelets, necklace and earrings. The skeleton was covered with ashes and its position shows that the girl was overtaken while in flight.

Value of the World's Diamonds.
Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
LONDON, May 17.—The world's diamond production summed up shows that India has produced 10,000,000 carats; Brazil, 12,000,000; Africa, 57,000,000. All the diamonds in the world uncut would have a value of \$400,000,000.

Gen. Gomez a Little Better.
Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
HAVANA, May 17.—A telegram from Santiago this evening says that Gen. Maximo Gomez, the old revolutionary leader, who has been dangerously ill in that city, is a little better.

The Weather.

The Western storm passed into the Lake region yesterday with diminished force. The winds, which had been high during the night, lost their velocity, and the storm dissipated. Showers and thunderstorms and fog continued in the districts around the Lakes and over the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts. The winds along the coast were light to fresh northeast to southeast. Fair weather prevailed in all the Southern States and west of the Mississippi River. It was warmer to-morrow, fresh southerly shifting to west wind; rain to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.90; 3 P. M., 29.81.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

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